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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/806,972	Applicant(s) DONOVAN, STEPHEN	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 10-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7, 10-22 are pending.

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

All prior rejections and objections are herein withdrawn in light of the claim amendments submitted.

New Grounds of Rejection

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-7, 10-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,921,538. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the allowed claims are directed to species within the instantly claimed genus of methods. The

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allowed claims administer a clostridial neurotoxin to a locus ceruleus or ventral tegmental area, both being intracranial sites, and the instantly claimed methods administer a clostridial neurotoxin to a local area of a lower brain region and the pontine regions which encompasses the allowed species. The allowed species anticipate the instant genus of methods.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1-4, 7, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Micheli et al (1998).

Micheli et al disclose the instantly claimed method that comprises the step of:

Instant claims 1-4, 17, 20: Administering (injections, see abstract) a Clostridial neurotoxin in a non-toxin therapeutically effective amount ("successfully treated", see abstract) to a patient,

the neurotoxin being botulinum toxin (see abstract, page 199),

to the facial pontine root entry zone (see abstract, page 199), the pontine root entry zone being within the local pontine region.

Instant claim 7: The effect of the administered botulinum toxin lasted at least 5 years (see abstract line 4).

Micheli et al anticipates the instantly claimed invention as now claimed.

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5. Claims 1-7, 12-16, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Auchus et al (1995).

Auchus et al disclose the instantly claimed invention directed to a method of alleviating at least one symptom associated with a neuropsychiatric disorder (see title, cervical dystonia), wherein the disorder is Alzheimer's disease (see page 393, col. 1, paragraph 2), the neurotoxin being botulinum toxin A (see page 393, col. 1, paragraph 4).

The botulinum toxin A was administered locally to cervical muscles of the head, a location of the lower brain region to treat dystonia associated with dementia (see title).

The positive treatment effect lasted about a month, the effect being produced within 4 months, specifically three weeks (see col. 1, p. 5), and provided relief associated with pain or discomfort with dystonia (see col. 1, p. 6), as well as relieved agitated behavior (see col. 1, p. 6). Auchus et al anticipates the instantly claimed invention as now claimed.

Conclusion

6. ***This is a non-final action.***

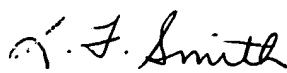
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ginny Portner whose telephone number is (571) 272-0862. The examiner can normally be reached on flextime, but usually M-F, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith can be reached on (571) 272-0864. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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